

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
February 15, 2009

Attendees: Bill Austin (Chair); Dan Thurston (American Legion); Don Janelle (Manchester); Dan Davis (Ellington OEM); Michael Berry (New Britain); Katherine McCormack (CR-MRC); Roy Piper (DEMHS); Joel Severance (Region 2); Sylvia Dake (Town of Andover); Ted Janelle (Southington Fire); Dagmar Noll (WINCOG); Norma Peterson (Fairfield Citizen Corps Region 1 CCP Committee); Sharon Mazzochi (DEMHS); Tim Smith (Orange CERT); Art McLean (American Legion); Noel Waite (Town of Coventry EMD); Byron Lennox (Town of Lebanon EMD); Donald Peterson (Fairfield CERT); Daniel Dube (East Hartford EM); (Melon Wedick (CCRPA); Brenda Bergeron (DEMHS); Magna (DEMHS Intern); Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. followed by pledge of allegiance and introductions of all present.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the January 15, 2009 meeting minutes with the following correction was made by Norma Peterson Seconded by Don Janelle. All in favor so voted. **Correction: Commander Beth Young, US Coast Guard.**

Guest Speaker: Ms. Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS Legal Council

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting: Chairman Austin highlighted the elimination of OPM RPO grants, \$235,000 of UASI funds for citizen preparedness, and the conclusion of FY07.

Old Business:

- Statewide Operational Update: Updates and changes to CERT Pending Training, In Training, CERT Trained, NET Trained, and Personnel Trained lists were deferred to the March meeting.
- Correspondence: Chairman Austin read correspondence received to the group.
 - Region 2: After discussion by the group, it was reconfirmed that Joel Severance is the representative for Region 2 RPO's as stated: **CT River Estuary RPA, South Central Region COG, Midstate RPA, Valley COG and Central Naugatuck Valley COG (Cheshire Only).**
 - Certificate of Appreciation for CERT: After discussion from correspondence received, it was agreed that the Statewide Citizen Corps Council would develop a certificate of appreciation for CERT members leaving who had contributed something outstanding. Katherine McCormack suggested having a standard/criteria to the recognition qualification as well as an award be given out at the Statewide Citizen Corps annual conference. Chairman Austin asked Ms. McCormack to participate on the committee to be formed for this CERT award/appreciation. Don Janelle volunteered to participate on the committee.

New Business

- Northeast CERT: Noel Waite, Town of Coventry EMD and Brian Lennox, Town of Lebanon EMD addressed the Council regarding restarting the Northeast CERT program. Chairman Austin and the Council gave Mr. Waite and Mr. Lennox information and procedures to restart the Northeast CERT program.

- Liability Issues: Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS Legal Council spoke to the group regarding CERT activation and Title 28. Ms. Bergeron handed out copies of the recently revised CERT activation procedures and gave in depth explanation of the procedures and answered questions from the group.
- Campus CERT: Sharon Mazzochi reminded everyone that Campus CERT will take place March 24-26; registration can be made on the DEMHS website under training. Registration deadline is next week.
- CERT Trailers: Category B grant money up to \$2,000 maybe used to purchase CERT trailers however, grant money may not be used for maintenance of trailers.

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

Category A:

- **North Branford** – Approved for \$1,625 for basic CERT training for 25 people.

A motion to approve this Category A request was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.

Category B:

- **Town of Wilton** – Approved for \$2,000 to purchase a 6 X 12 foot trailer.
- **Southington CERT**– Approved for \$591 for posters and embroidering of shirts
- **Orange CERT** – Approved for \$892 to purchase radios.
- **Town of Groton - Approved with restriction** for \$1,200 for CPR refresher training.
Restriction: It must be shown that CERT members are taking this class.
- **Mohegan Tribe** – Approved for \$2,000 for field ID equipment.
- **New Britain CERT** – Approved for \$2,000 for Coats and shirts.

A motion to approve these Category B requests was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

A motion to table the Litchfield Hills special request for \$4,000 to employ to pay for making ID cards was made by Norma Peterson Seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted.

Category C:

- **Central Naugatuck** - Approved for \$4,000

A motion to approve the Category C request was made by Sharon Mazzochi Seconded Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted.

Other Business:

- FY08 Homeland Security Grant: This grant has been taken care of.
- Statewide Citizen Corps Annual Conference: Chairman Austin will announce meeting dates for the Statewide Citizen Corps Conference Committee.
- Region 5 Training Program/Exercise: Region 5 will work together on an exercise or training program for early June.
- NET Program: Chairman Austin announced we will soon receive about 50,000 neighborhood booklets. The booklets will be stored in West Hartford.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers 2:00 p.m. March 19, 2009

Future Meeting dates: April 16, 2009, May 21, 2009, June 18, 2009, July 23, 2009, August (no meeting), September 17, 2009, October 22, 2009, November 19, 2009 and December 17, 2009